

In the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the subject application.

1. (Currently Amended) A porous, flushable, ductile, breathable film, wherein the film is formed from an extruded precursor film, the extruded precursor film comprising a homogeneous blend of a water-soluble polymer having a molecular weight from about 200,000 g/mol to about 8,000,000 g/mol and a particulate filler, wherein the filler comprises at least 10 percent by weight of the precursor film, and the precursor film having an elongation-at-break of greater than about 150%, further wherein the precursor film, when stretched, forms pores around the particulate filler thereby increasing the breathability of the breathable film; further wherein the water-soluble polymer is selected from poly(ethylene oxide) or modified poly(ethylene oxide) that comprises poly(ethylene oxide) having from about 1% to about 30% by weight of grafted polar vinyl monomer.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled))

24. (Original) The film of Claim 3, wherein said polar vinyl monomer is selected from the group consisting of acrylates, methacrylates, 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate, poly(ethylene glycol) acrylates, poly(ethylene glycol) methacrylates, poly(ethylene glycol) diacrylates, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid, acrylamide, glycidyl methacrylate, 2-bromoethyl acrylate, 2-bromoethyl methacrylate, carboxyethyl acrylate, sodium acrylate, 3-hydroxypropyl methacrylate, 3-hydroxypropyl acrylate, 2-chloroacrylonitrile, 4-chlorophenyl acrylate, 2-cyanoethyl acrylate, glycidyl acrylate, 4-nitrophenyl acrylate, pentabromophenyl acrylate, poly(propylene glycol) acrylates, poly(propylene glycol) methacrylates 2-propene-1-sulfonic acid and its sodium salt, 2-sulfoethyl acrylate, 2-sulfoethyl methacrylate, 3-sulfopropyl acrylate, 3-sulfopropyl methacrylate, poly(ethylene glycol) alkyl ether acrylates, poly(ethylene glycol) alkyl ether methacrylates, poly(ethylene

glycol) ethyl ether acrylates, poly(ethylene glycol) ethyl ether methacrylates and derivatives and analogs thereof.

5. (Canceled)

3 ~~6~~. (Currently amended) The film of Claim 1 ~~5~~, wherein water soluble polymer has a molecular weight from about 200,000 g/mol to about 1,000,000 g/mol.

4 ~~7~~. (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the filler is selected from clay, silica, alumina, powdered metals, glass microspheres, calcium carbonate, barium sulfate, sodium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium sulfate, barium carbonate, kaolin, carbon, calcium oxide, magnesium oxide, aluminum hydroxide, titanium dioxide, talc, mica, wollastonite, latex particles, particles of thermoplastic elastomers, pulp powders, wood powders, cellulose derivatives, chitin, chitozan powder, organosilicone powders, polyacrylic acid, magnesium sulfate, sodium sulfite, sodium hydrogen sulfite, sodium sulfate, sodium hydrogen sulfate, sodium phosphate, sodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium carbonate, sodium hydrogen carbonate, potassium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, or mixtures thereof.

5 ~~8~~. (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the filler comprises calcium carbonate.

6 ~~9~~. (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the filler comprises calcium carbonate with a surface coating material.

7 ~~10~~. (Original) The film of Claim ⁶~~9~~, wherein the surface coating material is a liquid organosilicone with a Hydrophilic-Lipophilic Balance number of from about 6 to about

8 ~~11~~. (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the filler comprises from about 20 to about 50 percent by weight of the film.

9 ~~12~~. (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the film has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 15 mils.

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~~13.~~ (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the film has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 2 mils.

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~~14.~~ (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein precursor film has an elongation-at-break of greater than about 200%.

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~~15.~~ (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the filler material has an average particle size that does not exceed about 10 microns.

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~~16.~~ (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the filler material has an average particle size that does not exceed about 8 microns.

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~~17.~~ (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the filler material has an average particle size that does not exceed about 5 microns.

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~~18.~~ (Original) The film of Claim 1, wherein the filler material has an average particle size that does not exceed about 1 micron.

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~~19.~~ (Currently Amended) A flushable article comprising:

a. a porous, flushable, ductile, breathable film formed from an extruded precursor film, the extruded precursor film comprising a homogeneous blend of a water-soluble polymer and a particulate filler, wherein the filler comprises at least 10 percent by weight of the precursor film, and the precursor film having an elongation-at-break of greater than about 150%, further wherein the precursor film, when stretched, forms pores around the particulate filler thereby increasing the breathability of the breathable film; further wherein the water-soluble polymer is selected from poly(ethylene oxide) or modified poly(ethylene oxide); and

b. at least one additional layer adhered to the flushable, ductile, breathable film, wherein the article comprises a flushable personal care article, a diaper, a feminine pad, a pantliner or training pants.

20.-42. (Canceled)